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Group Art Unit: 1627

Examiner: Prasthofer, T. W.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 in response to the Examiner's Final Office Action mailed September 25, 2001 and to Applicants' telephone interview conducted with Examiner T. Prasthofer, Ph.D. on December 7, 2001. Reconsideration of the above referenced application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend the following claims:

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16. (Twice Amended) The library of claim 1, wherein the library of fusion proteins encode multimeric proteins that are comprised of at least two subunits and the first and the second polypeptide subunits are subunits of a multimeric protein.

43. (Amended) The library of claim 1, wherein the first nucleotide sequence and the second nucleotide sequence respectively encode a heavy chain variable region and a light chain variable region of a human immunoglobulin.